



Seahorse News

Diving Hood Canal During the Break by Dan Ritchie

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www.seahorsediveclub.com

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- 3) Deadline for publication is the Monday following the club meeting.
- 4) Email articles/photos to Randy at Randy_Glenn@msn.com

Dave Sisson and I stayed two nights at Pleasant Harbor making 8 dives in the three days Dec 27-29. We did Pinnacle and Pullali East on the way in. Rosies, Triton and Sponge Gardens by Mike's the second day.

On the way home we did Quatsap, Sisters and Klas Rock. Lots of Ling at Pinnacle, Numerous Harry Lithobids at Pullali, Rosies and Triton.

We found many shrimp-like creatures with long arms that it used to swim with a frog-like kick. There was no wind, no current and no fog while diving. The anchor line was even slack at Sisters and Klas Rock. Vis was only 15-20 ft occasionally 25 max. We couldn't get any of several Wolf Eals to eat our offerings.

A few dive sight changes to note:

(1) Bliss' book "Northwest Boat Dives" has a picture of houses to mark Quatsap - these houses are actualy by Rosies. The map inset for Quatsap does not agree with the GPS given for the site. The GPS is much closer to Pleasant Harbor and is a good shallow dive. The sounder indicated no significant structure where the map inset pointed for Quatsap.

(2) The Green South buoy at Klas rock is gone and the red North buoy has been moved about 50 yards East and 20 yards South. The wall that goes from 20 fsw to 50 fsw is on the West side of the rock and kelp. So to find what I think is the most colorful wall in Puget Sound approach from the West side with the Red buoy in line with Foul Weather bluff. Swim to the North at about 30 fsw.

(3) Don't pass within 100 yards of a Navy vessel while boating. On the way to Pleasant Harbor from Edmonds we passed an odd looking Navy ship on the West side of Hood canal near Bangor. I gave it some distance as I passed but apparently not enough. As we passed, clam shell doors opened at the stern

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Next Meeting
Seahorses Indoor Program for 2002
Thursday, January 31st, 7:00PM
Kent Activity Center, Room A
Guest Speakers:
John Paul Johnston and Frank Laque
of the Divers Institute of Technology.

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Boeing Seahorses presents **THE DIVERS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**



The Seahorses are proud to present John Paul Johnston and Frank Laque of the Divers Institute of Technology. They will be presenting some information about the school and we'll probably have some time to talk about some fascinating aspects of their past careers and those of some of their students.

Perhaps some of you are curious about what its like to be a commercial diver and what training is required. Maybe you're looking for a career transition during some of these "lean times" at Boeing. This will be a fantastic opportunity to



meet a couple of the most respected gentlemen of Commercial Diver Instruction in the country.

Non-members and families are always welcome to attend. Members love to get together at the indoor meetings to discuss their latest tropical adventure or to chat about local diving and where the best viz or the coolest critters can be found. For non-members this is a great way to find out who the Seahorses are and what we are all about. It's also a great way to hook up with some new dive buddies.

See you there!

This, and other club information, can be found on the club's own website at <http://www.seahorsediveclub.com/>.

ABOUT JOHN PAUL and FRANK:

Director - Mr. Johnston assumed the position as Director, Divers Institute of Technology upon his retirement from the U.S. Navy where he served as an enlisted Saturation Diver and a Diving Officer. During his distinguished 30-year career, John Paul was a member of the Navy's deepest diving team reaching a depth of 1800 Feet at the Navy's Experimental Diving Unit in Panama City, Florida and participated in several major diving and salvage projects. He commanded one of the Navy's largest diving and salvage ships, the USS EDENTON (ATS-1). While in command, the EDENTON conducted the first efforts toward salvaging pieces of the Civil War Ironclad USS Monitor. Additionally, he completed several assignments involving research, development, test and evaluation of new diving equipment and systems.

Director of Training-Master Diver Laque recently retired after 30 years of active duty in the U.S. Navy of which he spent 13 years as a Master Diver. He has extensive experience in open ocean salvage, ship repair and diver training. During his last tour with the Navy, he was crucial in training Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technicians in the utilization of closed circuit SCUBA at deep depths.

ABOUT DIT:

Divers Institute has been training commercial divers for 33 years. Following a distinguished diving career in the Navy, DIT founder John Manlove, believed he could reduce the tremendous learning curve for apprentice divers if he could incorporate his and other seasoned divers' experiences with the new diving technologies emerging in the 60's and 70's.

He founded Divers Institute of Technology in Seattle, Washington in 1968 after he determined that the growing demand for commercial divers, construction technicians, and support personnel could be met with standardized training that would ensure that all apprentice divers held the essential, core skills necessary to compete in the commercial diving industry, whether it be the inland diving industry or the then developing deep dive industry supporting off-shore oil platforms.

By the late 1970's, the United States inland infrastructure—bridges, dams, water works, waste treatment facilities, power plants, port facilities—began to show their age and need for inspection and repair. Divers Institute of Technology incorporated the unique requirements of the inland diving community into the curriculum. Subjects such as Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) and Hazardous Materials (HazMat) handling and removal were brought on board. Welding and cutting were expanded and photography, followed by underwater closed circuit television, were incorporated. Hydraulic tool training unique to the inland community was also added. Remote Operating Vehicles (ROVs) were introduced for both off-shore and inland requirements in the mid 80's. By 1990, DIT had expanded its original 1968 four-month course to today's seven months.

DIT has kept pace with the diving industry and continues to provide skilled students to all corners of the world. Regardless of its place in history, the mission of the Divers Institute of Technology is to train students in all phases of commercial diving with an unyielding commitment to safety.

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Weekly Club Dives

Hi all.

This year the club dives will be moved to Wednesday starting the second week in January. I am doing this to avoid the Friday night-weekend traffic.

My goals for this year are a bit more ambitious than last year.

My personal goals for next year include taking the Rescue diver, O2 courses and making over 130 dives. Take a few weekend excursions to check out locations on Whidbey Island, Bainbridge Island, Hood canal. Maybe a lake dive to see a submerged town.

I will try to keep the web-calendar up to date with the location and times of the dives. There will be two dives for most of the Wednesday night club dives.

I am planning to lead a few Shrimp dives next year. The tentative plan is a Saturday night, 7 or 8 PM, dive at Mukilteo. Other locations will be considered.

There will be at least two crab dives at Mukilteo Oil dock.

I don't have guills or barnacles on my fins like other club members, but I do like to dive.

Thank you all for your support of the club and making some of the weekly dives.

Sincerely

Brian Heath



X-ray Scanners: Travelers Advised to Protect Film and Cameras

Always pack film and single-use cameras in a clear plastic or mesh bag to carry with you on-board. Never pack unprocessed film into baggage you intend to check.

Choosing a camera bag

Security precautions at US airports are being significantly tightened following the tragic events of Sep. 11. Among precautions that travelers can expect will be the increased use of high-intensity x-ray scanners for checked baggage.

It is important to understand that placing your camera and film on a standard conveyor for x-ray scanning with other carry-on baggage (purses, briefcases, etc) at security checkpoints in the US will not cause damage to unprocessed film. However, the high-intensity x-ray machines now in use at many airports for checked luggage will damage all unprocessed film--amateur, professional, or medical. Under no circumstances, therefore, should unexposed or unprocessed film or single-use cameras be packed in checked baggage.

While the FAA on September 20 confirmed that current x-ray equipment used at airport security checkpoints for carry-on items does not harm film, some passengers may be randomly selected to submit their carry-on items to a high-intensity scan through a machine usually located apart from the normal security checkpoints.

Eastman Kodak Company advises all persons traveling by air, rail, or cruise ship to pack all film and single-use cameras in a clear plastic or mesh bag for carrying with them on-board and ask for inspection by hand when passing through security checkpoints employing high-intensity x-ray scanners.

As in the past, travelers should be wary of all scanners at airports outside the US. When traveling internationally, therefore, always ask for hand-inspection of your film and single-use cameras.

Tip: Baggage inspectors are there to help ensure your safety. You can make their job easier by having your unprocessed film out and ready for inspection in a clear plastic, or mesh bag.

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New Wreck dive at Three Tree Point North

Story by Randy Glenn

It is a real treat when you get to see something new at a divesite that you frequent quite a bit. Over the Xmas break, I dove with a friend who showed me something new at a favorite dive site. On Thursday, December 27, Mark Alston and I went for a dive at Three Tree Point North. Mark had completed this dive a few days before with Jeff Christiansen from the aquarium. On that dive, they found a new wreck. It was/is a 24-25 foot cabin cruiser that appears to have been sank recently. On it, they found two octos, one that was sizeable. During that dive, they also found the pair of wolfeels and a subadult wolfeel in residence in the junkyard. We had hoped to retrace that dive and find some of the interesting things that Mark and Jeff had seen on their dive. Mark and I entered the water about 11:30 and surface swam to the fourth mooring bouy south after leaving the entry point. It is the first sphere bouy with a green stripe around its midsection. We dropped down the line. The bottom third of the line is so heavily encrusted with tube worms, it is simply amazing. After watching the worms bloom and retract a couple of minutes, and taking a few pictures, we take a compass heading of 270° and swim away looking for the wreck. Within 15 kicks we were staring at the bow of the cabin cruiser. We are in only 50 fsw at high tide, and we begin to swim around the boat, checking out the structure. There didn't seem to be a lot of stuff growing on it. There were some barnacles, but, little else. We swam around and on the underside, at the stern, we could barely see the tentacles of a female octo, as she was areating her eggs. She had dug underneath to the port side of the wreck, which made it extremely difficult to see her. We also found a couple of good size lings over the structure, one of which was under the bow. The boat rests in a wasteland. There is nothing else around. We swam all the way back to the tire reefs before we saw anything else, which was at least 75 yards of distance to cover.

The tire reefs were covered with anemones, tube worms and Red Irish Lords. The fish were guarding eggs, so they got pretty insistent if we got too close. A couple of them would charge at us, but, turn around abruptly as they approached, then settle back into their position near their egg clusters. That only kept us entertained for a minute or so before we were off again exploring more area.

We continued our dive heading east to the junkyard. On the way we find three tire reefs that we poke around, we also see the other boat that rests on the trailer, the satellite dish, and finally arrive at the vertical spikes and debris. We find the old beer keg where the pair of wolfeels have made a new home. They are sitting on eggs now, but, the egg mass is difficult to see because, both the male and female use their bodies to fill the space that effectively closes the door. They remained wedged in the doorway no matter which angle you search for, allowing you a brief glimpse at the egg mass when they are adjusting their bodies in the doorway. We can't see much so we go look at the furnace part that the other young wolfie inhabits. It was there with its mouth poking in the entryway. Once I got close, it retracted into its lair and that was all we could see of it. My dive buddy was signaling to head for the surface. I agreed and began to swim behind him, but, realized that he was rapidly out distancing me. So I relaxed in the current and drifted slowly back. My buddy was experienced and I figured whatever the need to get to the surface fast was something that I couldn't assist him with, or he would have signaled. As it turned out, nature was calling him, loud and clear. In a case like that, it is best to stay out of the way.

It was still a very good dive. I think that is definitely, the most ground I have ever covered at Three Tree, and it ranks up there with Edmonds as tops in distance covered. I like Three Tree because of what it offers and it is real close to home, only about twenty minutes or so, depending on traffic of course.

Have luck finding the boat. Don't forget to account for the tide changes when you dive, but, following the directions outlined in the article you should have no problem finding the cabin cruiser.

Have some good dives this year. How about a goal of doing one more dive than you did last year!

Happy New Year.



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Three Tree Point North

by Randy Glenn

Patience and having people you can count on to help you out count a lot when you are diving around the sound.

Ed Gullekson and I met on Saturday afternoon to get in a dive at Three Tree Point North. We planned a late afternoon dive, but, had no idea it would end up being a night dive. As we were heading down to the entry point, Ed reminds me that I needed my mask. I immediately realize that I left it in the bag I use having just finished diving at the aquarium. I scramble out of my gear, with Ed's help, and get my cell phone and call my significant other, Linda, and ask for her to bring my mask. We only live about twenty minutes from Three Tree, but, it was raining and you know traffic and rain around here. An hour later, Linda makes it, and delivers my mask and after a heartfelt thank you, Ed and I suit up again and head for the water.

We get to the water and begin our swim out to our descent area. It is dark, and as we sink into the night-colored water, I feel as if I am being greeted by an old friend. The night sea welcomes me back, and I turn on my dive light and look for the bottom. As we settle, and make final adjustments on our gear, we begin our dive plan that we had discussed before starting this dive. We wanted to head down to about 60 fsw, then, head towards the junkyard.

We get to 60 feet and turn 90° towards the junkyard and I immediately see the tiniest octopus I have ever seen. It is about an inch long, and it is just beginning to squeeze into a closed clam shell. Of course, I am set up for wide angle this dive, but, I take a couple of pictures anyway. I turn and look for Ed, but, don't see him. I turn my light away and look and just barely make out his light about twenty feet or so away. I head towards the light and we continue our swim. We come to the first small reef, and Ed immediately starts snapping pictures. Once he has finished, he points to the edge of the tire and I see one of the largest sailfin sculpins I have ever seen diving. I was nearly a foot long when you count the fin. I took a few more pictures. Tonight was looking like the night of the sailfin sculpin. We encounter over a dozen sailfin sculpins on this dive that last 48 minutes. We get to edge of the junkyard and find some more tire reefs, then poke around them for a few minutes. We encounter on a couple of small rattfish on this dive. We usually see lots of them at night, but, they were surprisingly absent on this dive.

We continue on, finding more sailfin sculpins everywhere. Some were only a few inches long, while some

were six or seven with a couple of mammoths. And many were between those sizes.

We started back home, and came up to about 35 feet. Swimming back at that depth, we didn't see much. We found a couple of large mooring blocks, but, no octos anywhere.

It was a very relaxing dive still. We cruised along at a very leisurely pace taking in the surroundings. We soaked in the surroundings and enjoyed being carried along by the currents as we drifted back. We continued to scan everywhere in hopes of another magical encounter with the six gilled leviathan of the deep. But, that luck evaded us this night. We had to settle with the plethora of miniscule, but, pretty pacific fishes called Sailfin Sculpins.

One thing I do miss about leading Friday Night dives is the conditioning that a lot of diving keeps you toned and tuned. Walking up that hill after a dive at Three Tree made me think about the times we used to do this over the summer with no strain at all. A lot of diving is good physical conditioning in itself.

MARINE BIOLOGY FOR DIVERS

The Marine Science Society of the Pacific Northwest offers an adult class in Marine Biology for Ocean Lovers, at the Poulsbo Marine Science Center (designed for kayakers, divers, boaters, beachcombers and those who love the sea but have no science background).

Students will learn many secrets of the sea in this "marine biology without tears" workshop. Topics cover near-shore and coastal habitats, intertidal zonation, animal and plant adaptations, plankton meadows, kelp forest communities and more. Students will examine live animals in our touch trays and use our wet lab in a quest to understand the fascinating sea around us, and the hardy residents that live there, from orcas to oysters.

Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Feb. 9 through March 16, 2002 (Total: 12 hrs.)

Tuition: \$65

Instructor: Jon Day, M.A. Marine Biology

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***If you like the weather now,
wait a minute...***

by Randy Glenn

Four boat dives in two days. That was the plan, but...

I prepped the Dangerous Mood and met Mark Alston, Randy Pedersen and Danny Todd at Don Armeni boat launch the Friday after Thanksgiving. We quickly loaded gear and set off for the trip up to Possession Ferry. It took less than an hour to get there. Upon arrival, Randy P headed for the bow to man the anchor and after a couple of passes, I gave the helm to Danny Todd and got my drysuit on. In no time Danny had located the wreck, Randy P had dropped anchor and we were getting the first two divers ready to go. We put out a drag line from the bow, because the current that was whipping past us.

Once Randy and Danny disappeared into the dark waters of Possession Sound, Mark and I gave them about twenty minutes before we suited up to head down. That worked out good, because as we were ready to jump in, Danny and Randy appeared at the stern of the boat ready to get onboard. They got on, and helped us get in, and Mark and I made our way down the anchorline. As we dropped into the abyss, I feel as though I am wrapped up in a very snug blanket. I add a bit of air to my suit to ease the squeeze and slow my descent. I feel like all snug, except for the swish of cold water around my lips and head. The ripping surface current had disappeared once we got below 15 feet. It was a very mellow, relaxing dive.

Mark and I started to explore the wreck. It was great diving this structure at night. We found some large ling cod and rockfish that were stuck in the tightest spots around the wreck. You couldn't help but scratch your head and wonder how they got into there. We would navigate the wreck and find ourselves swimming into an occasional swarm of scattering fish. The interesting part was that they were scattering into us, not away. This had me thinking that whatever was scaring them was just beyond the reach of our lights. It was probably a sea lion, but, could it have been a six gill? I wish! We continued to explore until our gauges told us to wave goodbye to the decorated warbonnets inhabiting the cone barnacle shells and head for the light and warmth topside.

We climbed aboard the Dangerous Mood, and relax with the usual chocolate treats topped with fig newtons and hot tea. We decide to finish the night with conversation and a slow putt back to the dock, instead of the second dive. Spirits were pretty high after the dive, and we were content to end the night on this note...

Now Saturday was a completely different story. I met Brian Heath, his sister and Don Shingler at Don Armeni again for a repeat performance. Living in a fairly protected area, I wasn't aware how hard the wind was blowing on the sound. The wind was blowing a lot harder than the 5-10 knots the weather had said, and it was steady. We decided to not try to get to Possession Ferry and go to Alki fishing reef. It was still a long and choppy ride to the reef. But we found it with no problem. The day they cut down the large pine tree on top of the hill, I will be sunk. But for now, it makes life real easy. We anchor the boat right on one of the piles of rock and Brian and his sister got ready to go in. We put out a dragline, but, there was little current. But, with the surface chop, this made it easier getting to the bow. Between the chop and current, we would have to swim out around the bow, to get to the anchorline. If you were too close to the boat, the bow could slam into you while it was being tossed around by the current.

Once Don and I were ready, Brian and his sister were returning. We got right in the water. It felt a lot better than being tossed around on the deck. We swim down the anchorline which is going down at a 30° slope. We get to the bottom, and my dive light won't turn on, nor will my back up. CRAP! I decide to stay close to Don and complete the dive anyway. It was pretty cool. The only frustrating part was at times, I wanted to grab his light to point it at something else. There were so many metridium everywhere. We found one huge pile of boulders. From 83 feet on the bottom, we crested the top of the boulders at 39 feet, and it was covered with anemones. There were some nudibranchs and ratfish inhabiting the plains between boulder piles. We also found 4 shot pouches, neatly stacked on this rock. They were nice shot pouches and about twenty pounds of weight. At this point it was time to get to the surface, so we did a 180 and began retracing our movements. Not being certain of the location of the anchorline, we decide to ascend and do our safety stop. There wasn't much current so we shouldn't drift that much. When we broke the surface, the boat seemed like a hundred yards away. It took a long time to get there in the chop. Once on deck we quickly agreed that we had enough this evening.

The wind seemed to have picked up, and the waves were bigger. Even with the size of our boat, I was still nervous getting back. The wind was blowing straight at us and even with the slight angle that we were approaching the waves, we were still taking water over the bow. It wasn't until we got inside Elliot Bay that my nerves began to settle. The last thing anybody wants is to be a news item on the 11:00 pm news. And for certain, not be the lead story. Like I don't have enough to live down already! Have a great time diving!

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OCTOPUS HOLE

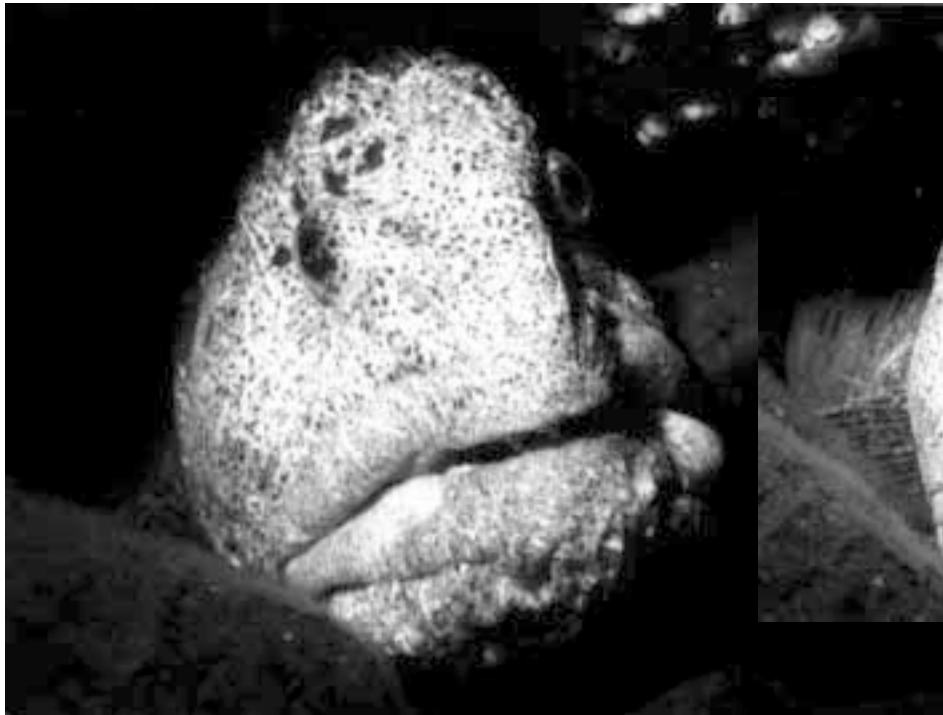
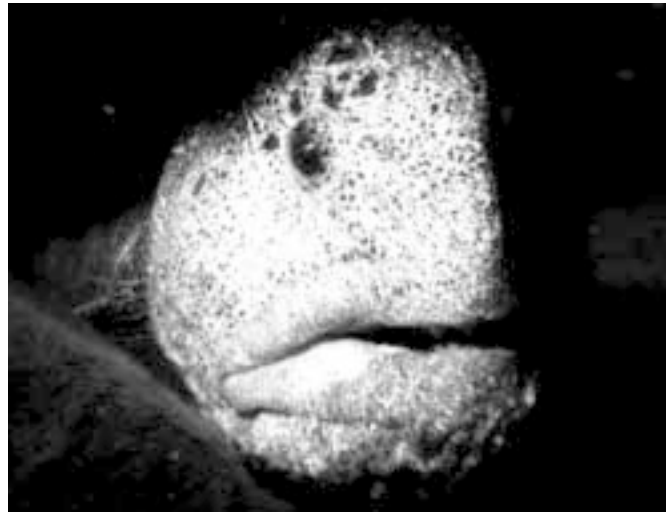
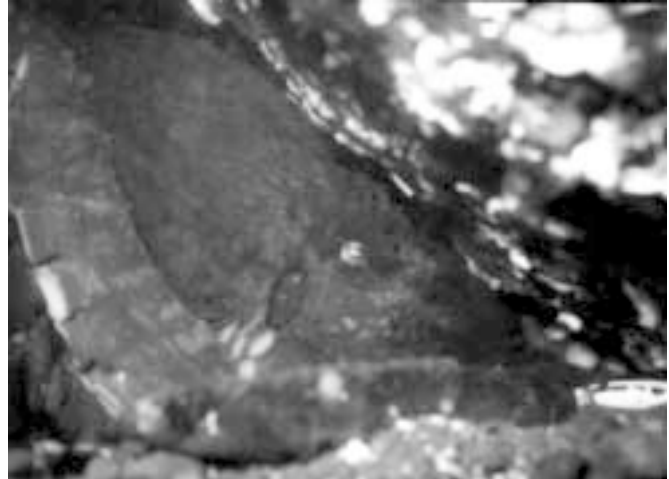
Story and Photos by Erwin Moore

There were four divers in our group, two experienced divers, one new diver and myself. I was very excited about this dive, because it was the first time at Octopus Hole. I had heard a lot of stories about this place and was looking forward to this chance to dive this site.

We all swam out to the dock caught our breath and descended down the cable. It was just a short swim to the beginning of the wall. We had just started across the wall and I found the first octopus. Cliff (one of divers) found a wolf eel on the other side of the same rock the octopus was found on. I snapped some pictures with my Sea & Sea MX10 with macro lens of the Octo and Wolf eel.

I was looking at a painted greenling when Trevor (new diver) started pulling on me with excitement. He was pointing frantically at the bottom of the wall. We went to bottom of the wall and there was a second octopus under a big flat rock. It was his first octopus find. We went up the wall and found Robert (other diver) just as he had found the third octopus. It was at the opening of the hole. I was able to get some good photos.

We started back, good thing; Trevor was low on air. Seeing this many creatures in such a short time span caused us all to use a lot of air. My first dive at Octopus Hole was a very good dive. Visibility was 20 feet and our maximum depth was 60 feet. Trevor, our new diver said, this was his BEST EVER DIVE!



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What I did on my Christmas vacation

By Randy Pedersen

Day 1 (Dec 19, 2001) I woke up. I got up and went to the bathroom. I had a delicious chocolate shake for breakfast. I took a shower. I got dressed. I bummed around the house for a while. My wife's uncle (Uncle Lewis) picked us up and took us to the airport. Could you imagine how painful reading an entire trip report like this would be? I'll change my style a little to make it less choppy. LaRae and I caught a very full American Airlines 767 nonstop flight to Miami. We met my parents at the airport, grabbed our checked luggage and went back to their place just outside of Ft. Lauderdale.



The next morning we made our way to the Port of Ft. Lauderdale where we went through all the neat little lines, security checks and ticketing hassles before boarding the Monarch of the Seas, a Royal Caribbean cruise ship. The Monarch of the Seas is 880 feet long, has a 106-foot beam and weighs an impressive 73,941 tons (147,882,000 pounds). I suspect the weight would be significantly more if all the food they brought was added in! We left port around 5 P.M. after the compulsory Coast Guard lifeboat drill. Everybody on board has to go to their muster station on deck 7 wearing the life vests from their cabins. We all looked pretty goofy but if it averts a Titanic like accident then I don't mind looking goofy at all. This was the night for exploring the ship. With 14 decks there is a lot to explore. It didn't take us long to find the food. That was on deck 11 near the bow. There was a big buffet with just about any-

thing you wanted. We were to learn later that the buffet on deck 11 was pretty lame compared to the formal meals offered on deck 4. All the food on this trip was included in the price of your cabin so there were never any concerns about the individual meal costs. Any drinks you had were above and beyond your room cost so if a person was inclined, they could run up a monumental bar bill in a very short time. Being a light drinker, I was easily able to keep mine in check. We were on the ship for 4 nights and had two ports of call.

Our first port of call was in sunny Key West, Florida. The sky was clear and it was about 75 or 80 degrees. We only had 5 hours in town so there was not enough time to get in a dive. I dove at Key West a year ago and was not too impressed so it didn't bother me that I didn't get one in this year. We spent our time touring the city on one of the "Conch Tours". It was a 1 hour narrated tour of the older parts of Key West, heavy on the local history. After the tour we did the normal tourist-shopping thing before reboarding the ship.

The ship departed Key West about 5:00 P.M. and steered a southerly course past the west side of Cuba for the tip of the Yucatan Peninsula and the island of Cozumel. We arrived there about 11:30 A.M. the following day. Once again the weather was fantastic. For those not familiar with cruise ships, they offer many different shore excursions at the various ports of call. One of those was diving in Cozumel. The only problem with their excursions is they put you on a boat with 50 other divers, only a couple of which have been in the water more than a once in the last year. Yea, that's the crowd I want to dive with (ha ha). I have been to Cozumel before and made arrangements with the same outfit that I dove with two years ago.

Dive Paradise put me on a "6 pack" boat called "Caslable". It was about 23 feet long and open topped with a couple of 115 HP Yamaha outboards on the back. That baby could move! We had paying 5 divers, one dive master and a skipper on board. We cruised out to Santa Rosa Wall for our first dive. This dive is a coral head right on the edge of a very deep abyss. There are many swim throughs, pockets and hide-aways for the fish and other critters to take up residence or find protection in. The reefs of Cozumel have not suffered the bleaching and over fishing like those of the southern Florida Keys. Every color of the rainbow is represented in the hard corals, soft corals, sponges, crustaceans, invertebrates and loads of fish. I dropped right in on a big green moray tucked back in a hole. Some of the fish I was able to identify were barracuda, trumpet, sergeant majors, tangs, squirrel fish, basslets, harlequin bass, Nassau grouper, many

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different grunts, porkfish, goatfish, porgys, butterfly, angles, triggerfish, gobies, parrotfish and on and on (a video camera is a wonderful thing because it allows you to go back and identify some of the fish you couldn't while you were diving). A quick check of my dive computer showed a 42-minute dive with a maximum depth of 96

feet. The clear skies and early afternoon sun provided underwater visibility in excess of 100 feet. Wow! When was the last time it was that good around here? Our second dive of the day was on Santa Maria Reef. This is a low reef in about 65 feet of water. It was on this 46 minute dive that I saw my first, second and third splendid toadfish hiding down under

the reef in their little holes. I also saw two large seahorses (5-6 inches tall), a white spotted filefish and a 5-foot spotted eagle ray breezed on by us. I found several small spider crabs and lobster, one of which was big enough to feed a family of 4. This was in addition to the normal plethora of previously mentioned fish. What can I say, there is a reason Cozumel is ranked among the best warm water diving in the world.

I got back to my room on cruise ship around 6, got cleaned up and made it to dinner about 6:30 P.M. There I had what was probably the best filet mignon I have ever had. As I mentioned before, the food is all-inclusive so you don't hesitate to take a couple appetizers, a Caesar salad, a main course or two and a couple of desserts. I took full advantage of this and was able to do it repeatedly with almost no weight gain. How? Who knows?

The evenings on the ship were spent going to the nightly shows. They were always first class with some real quality entertainment. One night was a 70's disco musical. We also had a magic show, a comedian with his ventriloquist dummy (the dummy was the ventriloquist, not the person), a 20's style vaudeville skit and a gal who could do about 20 hula-hoops at once. That looked pretty cool under black lights!

During the days there would be many different activities including horse racing (yea, on the boat--no they

were not real horses), a belly flop competition, a best (male) legs competition, Caribbean steel drum band, piano bar, disco lounge, karaoke bar, food, food, food! If you were into basketball there was a half court, several ping pong tables, shuffleboard, shopping, casino gambling, beauty salon, art auction and, did I

mention the food? Deck 11 also had the two swimming pools where many of people spent their days catching the rays and sipping on tropical rum and fruit drinks. I don't mind saying that the scenery was not hard to look at up there either if you know what I mean. Unfortunately, like all good things, they eventually have to come to an end.

The morning of December 24th we pulled back into the

Port of Ft. Lauderdale. A couple hours later we had our luggage and were back at Dad & Mom's place. We spent the rest of that day just bumming around, not really doing anything of any real substance. One cool thing occurred that day right outside the front window. My parent's place is right on one of the many hundreds of waterways Florida is known for. We looked out to see a 3 foot long alligator and a strange looking duck swimming by. They stayed out there for as long as we were interested in looking, the duck always turning to stay with the alligator. I guess the duck figured it was big enough to avoid being a meal for the small gator.

On Christmas day we packed the car and headed to one of the beaches in Ft Lauderdale. There were a surprising number of people on the beach. Dad and I grabbed our mask, snorkel and fins and raced to the water. The bottom was sandy and flat without much there. I spied a breakwater down the beach a couple hundred feet so we moved up there. Finally we found something to look at. Gobs of little sergeant majors and other unidentified fish. Dad spotted a long silver fish and pointed it out to me. It was a small (about 18 inches) barracuda. I found a small yellow stingray buried in the sand with just its eyes showing a short time later. It was probably no more than 8 inches across.

We left that beach and went into town where we spent



LaRae and I relaxing!

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some time wondering along one of the rivers, pretty much doing the photo-snapping, info board reading tourist thing again. I could tell you about all the cool stuff we saw but would be afraid that it would loose something and become boring. I wouldn't want that. That evening we had dinner at a little pizza joint on Dania beach (Hollywood) while a heavy rainsquall passed over us.

December 26 had me going north up to West Palm Beach and another day of great diving. The fabulous Florida weather had given in to overcast and 60 to 65 degrees. I had made reservations with Jim Abernethy's SCUBA Adventures several weeks earlier so check in was a breeze. Just sign the normal disclaimer form and hand the clerk a wad of cash and you're ready to go. The boat was called



Dad and I snorkeling!

"Infatuation". It is a 40-foot boat capable of holding about 20 divers and their gear. It was docked in Lake Worth so it took about a half-hour to make it out to open sea. From there it took our skipper, Jim Abernethy, about 45 minutes to get to our first dive site, Bath & Tennis Reef. I guess it is named after a tennis club directly on shore from it. I had found a dive buddy from Minnesota who was experienced and also claimed he was good on his air consumption. I consider myself to be pretty good so I figured we would work well together. This guys air consumption was not only good, but great. Both dives he came up with several hundred pounds more air than me. Oh well, I guess that put me in my place. He was snapping photos and I was shooting video. The boat was divided into two groups, each with their own dive master who would drag a tethered orange buoy on the surface so the boat would know where we were. Our group was first in the 74-degree water and I actually saw most of the others for the first few minutes of the dive. After that, we would lag behind and loose sight of them in the 30 to 40 foot visibility. Eventually the second group would catch and pass us too. The fish we saw were pretty much what we saw in Cozumel only they tended

to be a little smaller. The same goes for the reef. It was healthy but smaller. This reef yielded some beautiful tangs, a couple of triggerfish and several spotted morays. I had a 47-minute dive with a maximum depth of 54 feet. Our second dive was another shallow reef about 60 feet deep called Breakers Reef. Once again there were thousands of fish of many different varieties. I spotted a southern stingray over the sand and took off after it. I never got very close but I did get close enough to catch it on videotape. A beautiful

Spanish grunt poised for me about halfway through the 44 minute dive and a couple of conchs were found doing the wild thing out in the sand next to the reef. Right at the end of the dive one of the other divers pointed out a large green moray to me. Unfortunately, in his excitement to show it to me he got too close and spooked it back down into the reef. I thought he might come back out so I hung around the area for a few more minutes. Just when I thought there was no hope, he showed up at another place in the reef about 25 feet away. He was very willing to have me take his picture and I took a couple minutes of video of him before I had to head up due to low air. Where as I don't

think West Palm Beach diving was as good as Cozumel, it is certainly worth the trip there. I've made dives in several places in Florida from West Palm Beach down to Key West and I think this was the best. There are several deep wrecks (100+ feet) in the area that I have not been to and that is where the sharks are said to be. I guess I will have to go back to try those sites. Jim Abernethy was very professional and I would highly recommend him to anyone diving the area. The same goes for Dive Paradise in Cozumel.

We spent the December 27th playing on the beach in south Miami, cruising the Everglades and having a very good \$6.95 steak and lobster dinner at an Indian casino. One of the things I always do when I go to Florida is have a piece of Key Lime pie. Key lime is in my opinion, one of the best pies out there. We had ours at the casino that night and were not disappointed. Of course it cost almost as much as our dinner but what the heck, we're on vacation!

On December 28 we had to get back on the plane and head home. We had clear weather when we got over eastern Washington and the Cascades. It was all covered in snow and made for a beautiful ending to our Christmas vacation.

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The Hawaii Report

by Don Shingler

Aloha from Hawaii

Thought I would send out another chapter of my Hawaiian vacation.

Yesterday, 12/23/01, was a fantastic day here in Hawaii. Johanna and I got up early and headed over to the west side of the island. We had reservations for brunch at the Mauna Kea resort. If you are ever on the Big Island and want a great brunch you should check this place out. They had everything from Sushi to waffles. I went extra hungry and definitely got my monies worth. After brunch we headed down to the beach and relaxed for awhile. We also did some snorkeling.

The beach in front of the Mauna Kea has some good snorkeling. It is easy and has some good corals. After soaking in as much sun as we could handle we headed over to the Waikola Hilton Resort to check out the dolphins and then watch the sunset. I was hoping to see the green flash that I always here about, but no luck.

After that it was time for a night dive. As I mentioned in my last email, I was told that MahuKona was a good place to spot manta's. By the time we got there it was definitely dark. We threw our gear on and walked to the edge of the pier. As we got there to do our giant stride into the water I looked on down and saw dozens of cornet fish in the water. They were extremely thick right at our entry location. So thick that I was afraid to jump in as I knew I would injure many of them. My girlfriend refused to go in first. She had never seen these fish before and was a little apprehensive. So I sat on the edge of the dock and kicked my fins around

in the water to scare them off a little and then rolled in, then helped Johanna in.

We kicked on out to slightly deeper water hoping for mantas. I found a sandy area and I planted my D8R and UK1200 facing up in the sand to attract the krill. We then explored around the general area with our smaller lights, checking back and up often for the mantas. I haven't done much tropical night diving (only 1 other that I can think of), so this was a definite treat for me. Lots of different critters had come out at night. There was several different types of small lobsters that were very interesting. I also saw some interesting brittle stars. When I shined my light toward them they quickly pulled into the corals. I also saw several prickly cucumbers. They were very strange looking. They almost looked like a sea snake. Very odd looking.

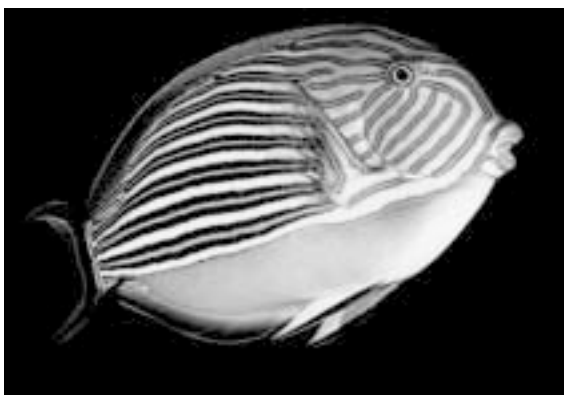
There were also several different types of crabs out searching for food. I came across several fish soundly sleeping, until I shined my light at them. I very nice looking large puffer, as well as a very large parrot fish.

I kept checking back to the lights in the sand, but unfortunately no Mantas showed up. But we has a great time exploring the reef any way. On our paddle back we got near the exit point and I started to come to the surface, as I shined my light up I again spotted all the cornet fish. They were still thick. I pointed them out to Johanna as she was coming up. She was a little freaked to come to the surface since they were so thick. As I came out of the water, they were all over me and were falling off my head. Very wild. So no Mantas, but night diving in Hawaii is great. Hopefully I will get a chance to get back out for 1 more night dive before returning to Seattle. This upcoming weekend we are staying in Kailua-Kona, so I will hopefully get a bunch of good dives in as well. I will keep you up to date.

I would also like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas (or Mele Kalikimaka in Hawaiian).

Aloha

Don Shingler





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The Hawaii Report

by Don Shingler

Aloha from Hawaii.

For those that did not know, I am on a 1 month trip to the Big Island of Hawaii. I thought I would send in a dive report.

It is a little hard to work out a dive schedule when you are on the big island. With the high altitude on the island (Mauna Kea is almost 14,000 ft) you have to really plan your dives out if you are doing alot of other things on the island.

After arriving over here I asked around and found out about a local dive club, East Hawaii Divers, and attended one of there meetings. They are a small dive club of about 25 people. About 8 people attended there meeting of a slide show by one members who was in Guam. (Surprisingly, several of them were from the Washington area.) They invited me along on there dive that following Sat. Of course I was all over that. This was a great chance to find some good local spots. And I was not disappointed.

Both were on the Kona side of the island (I am staying on the Hilo side so it is a 1.5 hr trip aprox to get over.) The first spot we went to was called Crystal Cove. I real nice protected bay. (when we first arrived we brought a tropical storm with us, so conditions were improving, but we had to still keep in the protected areas) This spot required 4 wheel drive to get to. Luckily I had a Jeep. I would never have found this place without following someone. It had some fantastic reef structure. Saw all the reef fish you would expect on a Hawaii dive-

Manted Shrimp

Yellowtail Coris (juvenal & adult)

Hawaiian Clean Wrasse

Parrot Fish

Triggers

Spotted Puffer

Boxfish

Goatfish

Yellow Tangs

Blenny's

Baby Whitemouth moray

One of the more unique things I saw was a Conger Eel. I had never heard of them before. Possibly they are common. I thought it was interesting. At first I thought it was a small shark until I could see its body back in the cave.

The second dive was near the first, a couple miles up the road. I am not sure what the name of it was. This area had many lava tubes shooting thru the rocks. Several were large enough for about 4 people. The surge was still a little bad, so some of the caves were to small to get in and investigate without getting slammed around to bad. Had a great time with a cleaner wrasse for awhile. I sat there at a cleaning station, taking my time hoping to get some good shots of him cleaning some other fish. As I was waiting, He decided to come over and start cleaning my bio-fins! Maybe the split fin looked like a fish tail. I attempted to get some shots of that, but every time I twisted to get in the right position, he got spooked and took off. It was fun playing with him though.

Those are the only dives I have been able to get in. With the weather improving, hopefully there will be more. Tomorrow morning we are planning on heading back over to the other side again to check out some other dive sites I was told about. I am hoping that in a few days I will get out for some night dives on the east side of the island. The swell is starting to die down, so should be possible.

That is it for now.

Aloha

Don Shingler



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...taking a break in Hood Canal in December

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...and a black zodiac slid into the water. They waved me to stop (my VHF must have been off ch 16).

Three sailors were in full green camouflage and primer black with nothing but their eyes showing. They wore side arms and a machine gun was mounted in the stern. They didn't communicate with us. Four Coast Guard in bright orange jump suits asked to board for inspection.

They looked at the usual fire extinguishers, preservers, Life Ring, etc and checked most of the hatches. Dave helped out by reminding them to check the flares.

Everything was in order so I just received a warning for passing within 100 yards of a Navy vessel. The Coast Guard were very fiendly,

exchanging talk of our diving and their 30 day rotation from SanDiego.

On the way home I gave the same ship a much wider pass but still a small boat raced out, from Bangor where a sub was parked, on a vector to intercept us. Another zodiac came out ahead of us. I got a call "vessel traveling North on Hood Canal by Bangor this is the Coast Guard" I answered and stopped.

It was a new crew and zodiac but they just wanted to verify we were the same vessel that was stopped two days ago. They appologized for the inconvenience and asked for our understanding. We replied that we thoroughly enjoyed their visit, it would make a great story and got permission to take their picture.

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The Compressor Schedule

Please call compressor committee member by 2:30 PM to confirm time and if you have VCI ** to do. (see notes) If for any reason you cannot make this schedule, please contact Ray Anderson (206) 655-6733 or (253) 813-2641 or J.D. Rowe (425) 965-6090 or (253) 520-2080. We encourage any constructive suggestions and I will address any problems should they occur. Please understand that these people are volunteers and do this service without pay. They often are taking time from their families to be here to serve you. Thanks

If there is a need to fill your cylinder over a weekend, it can happen by appointment, by contacting George Barron at his work number (425) 234-9979. If a daytime fill is what you're after, contact Matt Gleason at (253) 677-5930 and arrange an appointment.

Check the website for the most current and up-to-date Seahorse Dive Club information.



October 3-6, 2002; the Seahorses will be returning to the Farallons in SEARCH OF THE GREAT WHITE. We hope to accomplish what we were denied last year, a close look at this apex predator. Stay tuned!

Boeing Seahorse Dive Club Classifieds

For Sale:

Aluminum 80 Cylinders. **\$50.00** Needs hydro and V+. Cylinder was in service as one of our rental tanks. All tanks are being sold.
Contact Raymond Anderson (206) 655-6733.

If you have any items that you wish to place in the classifieds, contact Randy Glenn, newsletter editor, via email:
newsletter@seahorsediveclub.com



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Location	Date	Contact	Phone	Rating
Neah Bay	June 5-8	Randy Pedersen	425-271-1983	All
Sucia & Northern Orcas	July 18-21	Randy Glenn	425-985-2138	All
Port Hardy	TBA	?	?	All
Great White Shark Dive	October 3-6	Randy Glenn	425-985-2138	All
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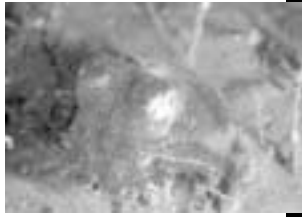
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Sea Horse Training Center

The Boeing Scuba Club does not conduct scuba training, but the club has several highly qualified and experienced instructors among its membership. We refer prospective students to our instructor-members or to recommended dive shops nearest the student's home if the location of instructor-member classes is inconvenient.

For general information about scuba training, contact Sea Horse Training Coordinator Cathy Recio at (253) 773-5532 (W), or (253) 520-8152 (h) or training@seahorsediveclub.com. For information about specific upcoming class offerings and locations, refer to the list below.

South End Classes:

Instructor: John Meyer, (253) 773-3585 (W), (253) 630-3370 (H), M/S: 8K-32
email: john.meyer@pss.boeing.com(W), john@scubaventures-diving.com (H)

Divers Alert Network Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for Scuba Diving Course: This brand new four hour program from Divers Alert Network (DAN) is designed to provide you with training in the use of an AED to treat divers who are victims of sudden cardiac arrest. 26% of all diving fatalities in divers 35 and over is due to heart disease PADI Specialty Credit Available for this course. Class will be held on January 27, 2002. Please register by January 18, 2002.

PADI Wreck Diver Course: This course will take place on the MacKenzie in Canada the weekend of March 8-10, 2002. Space is limited. Please call or e-mail for information.

PADI Rescue Diver Course: Class starts January 11, 2002. Please register by January 4, 2002.

PADI Medic First Aid: Class February 3, 2002. Eight hour standard First Aid/CPR Course. Please register by January 28, 2002. Also available on request.

PADI/DAN Oxygen First Aid: Course also available on request.

PADI Enriched Air (NITROX) Specialty Course: Class starts February 15, 2002. Please register by February 8, 2002.

PADI Advanced Open Water Course: Course also available on request.

PADI Adventure Diver Course: Course also available on request.

PADI Divemaster Program: Course also available on request.

PADI Assistant Instructor Program: Course also available on request. Call or e-mail for detailed information and Program catalog. This program follows the new PADI AI/OWSI/IDC Program.

PADI Instructor Development Course: January 4, 2002 on the weekend schedule. IDC available on a "by-request" basis. See on-line 2002 IDC schedule on website for dates, fact sheets and course catalogs. Call or e-mail for IDC application.

PADI Drysuit Specialty Course: Course also available on request.

PADI Underwater Navigator Course: Course also available on request.





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East side classes:

Instructor: George Barron, (425) 234-9979 (W), (425) 254-1894 (H), M/S: 67-HC

e-mail: george.barron@PSS.boeing.com (W), [safefun@hotmail.com](mailto:safenfun@hotmail.com) (H)

Web site: URL linked from the Boeing Seahorses web site - training section.

Class Schedule:

PADI Open Water: Available upon request, call for information

PADI Adventure Diver: Classes start twice a month. Call/e-mail/web for additional information.

PADI Advanced Open Water: Classes start twice a month. Call/e-mail/web for additional information.

Specialty classes: Available on request. Call for additional information.

Southend Classes

Instructors: Cathy and Oly Recio, (253) 773-5432 (W), (253) 520-8152 (H), M/S: 8J-68

E-mail: catherine.recio@pss.boeing.com (W), olycathy@aol.com (H)

Basic Open Water Course: Call for Details.

SSI Advanced Open Water Course: Call for Details.

D.A.N. Oxygen Provider: Call for Details.

Stress and Rescue Course: Call for Details.

SSI Dive Control Specialist / Dive Master: Call for Details.

SSI Instructor Training: Call for Details.

PADI Medic First Aid/CPR: Call for Details.

All courses are subject to change and can be offered days or evenings, private or groups, special arrangements to meet your schedule.

Eastside and Southend Classes

Instructor: Jim Groseclose, (206) 662-1373 (W), (360) 802-0874 (H), M/S: 4T-48

E-mail: james.groseclose@pss.boeing.com

NAUI Open Water Course: Call for details.

NAUI Advanced Course: Call for details.

NAUI Rescue Course: Call for details.

Call for information on private classes.



Female Orca and calf at Turn Point.

Wednesday Night Dive Schedule

Contact Brian Heath (425)-237-6185. You may email me at brian.heath@boeing.com.

Diving is a great way to decompress after the workday. It is a great opportunity to meet future dive buddies for new divers, and increase your dive experience under the watchful eye of experienced divers. If you are uncertain about diving at night, since the dives will be night dives until spring, I usually do an early dive in advance. Watch the schedule to see when the dive starts. Due to work and tides, the start of the dive will vary. Some locations and times will allow us to get in two dives, but, will always get the one in.

Date	Time	Location	Rating
1/9	5:00 pm	Mulkiteo Oil Dock	All Divers
1/16	5:30 pm	Alki Pipeline	All Divers
1/23	4:00 pm	Three Tree North	All Divers
1/30	5:30 pm	Les Davis, Tacoma	All Divers
2/6	4:00 pm	Alki Junkyard	All Divers
2/13	4 & 6 pm	Seacrest (2 dives)	All Divers